

Disciplinary Action

[As of 07/01/08]

Current year rule changes are in **red bold print!**

I. General Rules

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1. Teams and contestants at national and regional SAFECONS are subject to disciplinary action by the NIFA Council for, but not limited to, the following:
 - a. NIFA rule violations
 - b. FAR violations
 - c. civil law violations
 - d. causing physical or verbal harm to others
 - e. conduct unbecoming or embarrassing to others.
2. The Chief Judge shall make a ruling on any disciplinary action regarding alleged violations of I.1.(a) or (b) by contestants or teams. The contestant or team may appeal this ruling to the NIFA Council. A two-thirds (2/3) majority of those Council members hearing the appeal must agree on the outcome of the appeal.
3. A majority of the NIFA Council members present at the national SAFECON, chaired by the NIFA Council Chair or the Executive Director should the Council Chair not be present, shall hear any case regarding alleged violations of I.1.(d) or (e) by a contestant or team. A two-thirds (2/3) majority of those Council members present at the hearing must agree on any disciplinary action.
4. Cases of violations may be initiated by a judge, NIFA executive, or NIFA Council member. Any contestant, advisor, coach, or judge who observes a violation should report it to the Chief Judge, Executive Director, or NIFA Council Chair.
5. The party(s) accused of a violation shall have the opportunity to speak in their defense. The team's advisor shall also have the opportunity to speak in the accused's defense.
6. Regional SAFECON-The regional council member or chief judge (should the regional council member not be present) shall formulate a body to act as a "regional NIFA council" for the purpose of disciplinary action for this section.
7. Disciplinary action may include, but is not limited to;
 - a. elimination of the contestant(s) or team from a particular event.
 - b. elimination of the contestant(s) or team from the entire SAFECON.
 - c. suspension from NIFA competition for a designated period.

05/21/00 - Date of last change to this section